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The second inauguration of Ulysses S. Grant as President of the United States passed off with great eclat, and in every way was an honor to the occasion and to the man. Notwithstanding the visitation of a polar wave, which brought an unseasonably low temperature and a bitter wind, the fourth of March broke forth upon a city in holiday attire. From early morn the streets were crowded with pedestrians. Transient guests, chaperoned by their resident friends, and bevies of young ladies added brightness to our principal thoroughfares. The crimson and blue uniforms of the visiting military organizations, which swarmed the halls and corridors of all our public buildings yesterday, enlivening the promenades and the august halls of the Capitol even by their presence, appeared to-day in a different role as part and parcel of the grand procession of honor which escorted the President to the Capitol. With such a guard he would indeed be a pardonable offense. Here they were from all parts of the Union, North and South, alike united in doing honor to the occasion, and forming by joint efforts such a spectacle as will stand always bright in the memory of those who witnessed it.

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A few minutes afterward the Supreme Court of the United States was announced and the Justices, headed by their Justice Chase, and clad in their robes of office, entered the Senate chamber and took their seats on the right in front of the President's desk. By this time the chamber was comfortably filled, with an assemblage of officers of every branch of the government, foreign representatives and visitors, such as has rarely if ever before assembled within those walls. At ten minutes before twelve o'clock Senator Conkling appeared before the bar of the Senate, and being recognized, informed the Senate that the President elect was in the room and that he had finished all the business before him.

Seven minutes later the President was escorted into the Chamber by the Committee of Arrangement, and was followed by all the members of his Cabinet. The President took his seat immediately in front of the desk of the President of the Senate. The President was dressed in black throughout, his overcoat being of the same color. One arm rested on that of Senator Cragin, and in his right hand he carried his hat. There probably never was a person who bore his honors with greater humility. He was standing unconscious of the most unassuming looking man in all the vast assemblage.

A few minutes before twelve o'clock Vice President Colfax arose, and striking the desk with the gavel, pronounced the Forty-second Congress adjourned *sine die*. The retiring Vice President then made a few valedictory remarks, after which he administered the oath of office to the Vice President elect. Vice President Wilson, as chairman, characterized his assumption of the President's chair of the Senate in an appropriate address. The new Senators were then called up and sworn in.

About half-past twelve the procession formed in the Senate, and proceeded to the platform erected in front of the main east portico of the Capitol. Here, in the presence of the vast multitude of fellow-citizens, the oath of office was administered to the President elect by Salmon P. Chase, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. As the President kissed the Bible, a signal was passed to the regular battery stationed on the north front of the Capitol, from which a Presidential salute of twenty-one guns was fired. The President now delivered his inaugural address, after which the procession, reforming, marched down the avenue to the point of starting. The President, surrounded by the highest officers of the government, also a number of ladies being present, took position on a stand located in front of the Executive Mansion. Here the procession passed in review and then broke up, each organization repairing to its respective quarters. Thus ended the day's ceremonies of the inauguration of General Grant for a second term as Chief Magistrate of the American Republic.

The fireworks on the south front of the Treasury Department this evening were witnessed by thousands of spectators congregated on Pennsylvania avenue, extending for several blocks. Calcium lights were placed at intervals along the avenue from the Treasury to the Capitol. The pyrotechnic display was exceedingly large. Rockets and bunches of rockets set off simultaneously at times fairly illuminated the heavens. The larger pieces were also fine.

The President's Inaugural Address

meets with the heartiest approval from persons of every shade of politics. The document is highly patriotic in a thoroughly American document, particularly that portion relating to the question of territorial expansion, and the leading off in a course of republican progress. This is considered a foreshadowing of an emphatic policy on a very important part in the future destiny of our republic. After the return of the President elect to the Executive Mansion this afternoon a large number of gentlemen called to pay their respects.

The Inaugural Ball.

At nine o'clock the Inaugural ball room began to fill with ladies and gentlemen. The lighting and decorations was a great success, and more than answered the expectations of those present. Festoons of flags, the arms of the different States, together with the colors of the various nations in diplomatic relations with the United States, formed a brilliant union of colors and designs. Shortly after nine o'clock the Marine Band struck up an opening promenade. This was followed by a grand dance by the Naval Academic Band. At eleven o'clock about three thousand persons, ladies and gentlemen had assembled and were engaged in dancing or promenading. At half past eleven the President and party were announced at the main door. The Marine Band immediately struck up "Hail to the Chief." The Presidential party then entered, the President leading the way, escorted by Governor Cooke, of the District, and Mr. Shepherd. Next came the Vice President and all the members of the Cabinet, Speaker Blaine, Generals Sherman and Sheridan and staff officers, and a number of the Diplomatic Corps. Each gentleman of the party was accompanied by a lady, among them Mrs. Grant, Lady Thornton and Mrs. Speaker Blaine. The President, surrounded by his party, took a position on the raised dias, where he received the people and was greeted by their warmest compliments and respects. The excessive cold and absolute impossibility of heating the immense building precluded all display of the ladies' toilettes, of which there ware doubtless many of rare richness and beauty as might be judged beneath the ermine and cloth cloaks and other wrappings, hardly less beautiful than the dresses themselves. After a half-hour's respite the dancing was resumed and continued until a late hour. The ball, in point of elegance and fashion, is an undoubted success, but financially will prove a loss. It is understood that a thousand tickets were sold at twenty dollars each, admitting one gentleman and two ladies, making about three thousand persons present. The cost of the ball, by the time all expenses are paid, will be thirty thousand dollars. The dancing purposes the numbers were just sufficient to make a pleasant party, without the usual rush attendant upon such occasions.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1873.

The inaugural ceremonies to-day exceeded anything of the kind ever before witnessed in this city. The crowd present was simply enormous. The weather grew cold last evening, throughout the night piercing cold winds prevailed, and this morning there was no abatement. The blasts swept down Pennsylvania avenue with such fierceness that pedestrians were compelled to seek shelter in every available place; but despite the wind, dust and cold, the people continued arriving on every train during the night and thousands lounged about hotels, the railroad depot, and such public buildings as were open until daylight. At an early hour the military and civic organizations made their appearance on the streets, and with strains of lively music marched to and from the places designated for them. At an equally early hour Pennsylvania avenue was teeming with people hurrying hither and thither, or packing themselves into convenient places for seeing

THE PROCESSION.

The line was formed and moved precisely at ten o'clock. The avenue by this time was densely packed, the windows and temporary platforms being filled with anxious and shivering people. Immediately preceding the President's carriage was his escort, the First Troop of Philadelphia, city cavalry attending, under command of Colonel Anderson, and the additional military part of it consisted of the "President's Mounted Guard" of Lincoln, Governor's Mounted Guard, and Boston Lancers, the Vice President elect and Governor of this District completing the division. The First and Second divisions were formed in the procession consisted of military, including cadets from West Point, midshipmen from Annapolis, United States artillery in full dress, battalion of United States marines, 0d Guard of New York, Company A, the St. Louis National Guard, several volunteer organizations from this city. The First division, consisting of United States troops, was commanded by General Hancock. Among the organizations in the Fourth Division were the organizations from Philadelphia, Albany, Baltimore, Duquesne Greys of Pittsburgh, and five bands of music. In the Fifth Division were the Second Connecticut, Fifth New York, Third New Jersey and Fifth Maryland regiments. The Sixth Division consisted of colored troops, who presented a creditable appearance. The remaining part of the procession was divided into six divisions, under the marshalship of members of the Washington Fire Department. These divisions included officials of the general and local governments, delegations from different States and Washington, and a Baltimore Schutzen Verein. A large mounted police force preceded the procession and kept the immense crowd from encroaching on the line of march. Altogether the civic and military organizations numbered at least 12,000 and made an imposing display. Nearly every organization in the march was accompanied by effective brass bands, and the route enlivened by excellent music for the space of nearly two miles in length, causing the spectators for a time to forget the intensely nipping atmosphere and clouds of dust driven by the wind against their faces.

THE SCENE ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE.

As the procession moved into the avenue from Fifteenth street the spectators crowded along the sidewalks from the intersecting streets, and in a moment the great thoroughfare of Washington was alive with at least fifty thousand struggling people. Notwithstanding the excitement the crowd generally preserved excellent order. As the various organizations drew near the Capitol the crowd thickened until the entire vicinity of the Capitol grounds was filled. The appearance of the military organizations was highly creditable. The civic associations also made a good display, though their numbers were considerably diminished by the cold.

MEXICAN WAR VETERANS.

Prominent in the procession was an omnibus containing a number of veterans of the Mexican war, and following them a procession bearing tattered flags of many of the great battles in that country. This part of the procession was continually cheered.

THE DECORATIONS.

The buildings on Pennsylvania avenue were decorated in a manner far surpassing former occasions. The headquarters of the various clubs were elaborately adorned. Owing to the cold weather the stands on the line of march for the speculators were abandoned, and the profits of the business were evidently disappointed.

RUSH FOR THE CAPITOL.

Long before the procession had been formed immense crowds of people were on their way to the Capitol, the rear approaches to which, however, were guarded by a large force of policemen and soldiers, who kept back all except the favored few. About two thousand persons bearing tickets of admission to the Senate chamber, the galleries were filled as soon as the doors were opened. The floor of the Senate began to fill up quite early with distinguished invited guests, including many of the highest military and naval officers of the government, which occupied seats together to the left and rear of the Senators. Among them were Generals Sherman and Sheridan and Admiral Porter.

THE GLITTERING DIPLOMATS.

The routine business of the Senate proceeded without interruption till about half-past eleven, when the Diplomatic Corps appeared at the main entrance and attracted the attention of all eyes as they filed down the center aisle in their gorgeous court costumes. The Turkish Minister, Blacque Bey, having been longest in the service in Washington, headed the line, followed by the Hon. Ife was ford, of Sir Edward Thornton and the Austrian Minister, Sir Edward Thornton and the Austrian Minister, Marquis de Wouvilles, Minister of France, and Mort, Portu

The Daily Commercial.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1873.

A TELEGRAPHIC dispatch was yesterday received from General NEGLEY, stating that the bill for the purchase of a site for public buildings in Pittsburgh passed, and was signed by the President, ten minutes before the close of the Forty-second Congress.

NEW YORK city proposes to restrain its excursions for poor children the ensuing summer. The plan effected a great deal of good last year, conferring much pleasure upon otherwise joyless existences, and, it is said, even saving a number of lives. It is to be hoped the example may not be lost on Pittsburgh this year, as it was last season.

WE COMMEND to the consideration of the local organ of the Democracy an able article on "Scientific Lying" which is to be found in the editorial columns of the paper from which our neighbor draws its principal inspiration. The essay bears throughout the evidences of a thorough acquaintance with the subject of which it treats, practical as well as theoretical. A careful study of the disquisition might be of considerable advantage to our contemporary, which, particularly in its multitudinous attacks on the COMMERCIAL, lies but bunglingly.

THE more particular duty of the Senate, in its extra session, will be to act upon a number of minor treaties, including one with Mexico, affecting the Joint Commission on Claims; another with *reference* to the Samana Bay Company, in which San Domingo is interested; and another with Honduras, on the subject of *extradition*. There will also be a number of new appointments and reappointments, as the *terms* of office of many incumbents have expired; while, as is usual with a new Administration, there will doubtless be numerous resignations. Some Cabinet changes may also be expected, and a number of changes will probably be made in the Diplomatic corps. Some shaking up among postmasters, collectors, &c., moreover, may reasonably be looked for. A considerable amount of Executive business of this character necessarily comes up with each administration, and it is upon these matters that the Senate is called to act.

EVERMORE the weakest goes to the wall. Southern Africa is said to be rapidly undergoing a marvelous change, owing to the inroads of the English gold and diamond seekers. A German scientist, who has spent the last five years in the exploration of that region, has recently published a remarkably interesting work regarding the native tribes, in which he virtually condemns them to death by taking the position that, like our native Indians, they do and must disappear before the inroads of the white man. The discovery of the diamond and gold fields has attracted so many white men to Southern Africa, who will eventually stay there and build up cities, that the native Hottentots and Bushmen melt away before them. Sad to say, the vices which accompany our modern civilization appear to constitute one of the principal agencies whereby this prospective extinction is being gradually accomplished.

WE HAVE several times had occasion to advert to the anti-railroad agitation at present prevailing in the Western and Northwestern States, the object of which is to secure the control of the various railroads by the State, as a means of obtaining cheap freight transportation to the seaboard. The success which has thus far attended the movement is now said to have inspired the idea of a farmer's party to control the National government. Consultations of the leaders have recently taken place in Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, and some other Western States, with a view to the ultimate formation of a new party. What the name and policy of the proposed party are to be, has not yet been decided; the steps taken having been merely preliminary. The platform is, however, said specially to meditate economy and purity of administration, and the control of the railway corporations by the National government. The free-traders, is rumored, propose, if possible, to capture this element in the political situation, on the ground that the true cause of the Western farmers' ill success is not so much to be found in the matter of railroad freights as in the increased cost which, they affirm, the system of protection places on all that they consume. The idea apparently is to go for a wholesale reduction of the tariff as an ostensible means of aiding the farmers. If the latter are wise, they will have nothing to do with the scheme. What the free traders intend is simply to take a slice out of the farmer's cake, under the pretense of excessive anxiety concerning the size of his loaf. It is a snare which should be studiously avoided.

WE alluded yesterday to the report of the committee appointed by the Constitutional Commission of New York to ascertain the local indebtedness due by the counties, cities, towns and villages of that State. The committee state that the municipal bonded debt will reach, at the close of 1873, the immense total of $225,000,000. In a large majority of the towns bonded it has been found that the debt has been created under either the general or the special railroad bonding law. In nine-tenths of the towns the property, real and personal, will be compelled to pay the interest as well as the full amount of the bonds issued. The majority of these obligations will fall due between the years 1800 and 1900. Street improvements come next to railroads in importance as cause for bonding. The bonded indebtedness of the counties, cities, towns and villages amounts to the enormous aggregate of $214,317,676 58. The entire valuation of real and personal property of the State is $2,124,094,143 46, showing that, aside from the debt of the State and the United States, the property of the people is bonded for local purposes ten and one-half per cent. of its assessed valuation. The entire local indebtedness outside of the city of New York is $95,483,946 72. Thirty-nine counties have a bonded debt, and twenty-one have none. The county debt is two and two-thirds per cent. on valuation of real and personal property. In view of the rapidity with which some of the cities and counties of our own State Commonwealth are contracting obligations of a similar character, the lesson is worthy of careful study in this neighborhood.

MR. G. J. HOLYOAKE has written a letter to the New York *Tribune* in which he makes the announcement that he is engaged in preparing a history of co-operation, or of the rise of co-operative societies, and invites the contribution of facts in aid of his work. Mr. HOLYOAKE is the person so well known in England as editor of the *Reasoner* and as the Founder and President of "The London Society of Theological Utilitarians."

In his *Budget of Paradoxes* Professor DE MORGAN devotes a chapter to the *Reasoner*, No. 45, which contained an essay on the question, "Is there sufficient proof of the existence of God?" Mr. DE MORGAN—to whom what he calls "this acorn of the holy oak" was sent with a request for his views on the question propounded—enters into no discussion of the subject. But he rebukes the sender for seeming to suppose that he might not have before made it a subject of reflection, and he relates an interesting anecdote of the last hours of LAPLACE, the great French mathematician and astronomer.

"After the publication (in 1825) of the fifth volume of the *Mecanique Celeste*, Laplace became generally weaker, and with it musing and abstracted. He thought much on the great problems of existence, and often muttered to himself, what does it all mean? After many alternations, he appeared at last so permanently prostrated that his family applied to his favorite pupil, M. Poisson, to try to get a word from him. Poisson paid a visit, and after a few words of salutation, said, 'I have a piece of good news to tell you; at the Bureau of Longitude they have received a letter from Germany stating that M. Bessel has, by observation, verified your theoretical discoveries concerning the satellites of Jupiter.' Laplace opened his eyes and answered with deep gravity, 'The pursuits of man are little dreams.' He never spoke again; his death took place March 5, 1827."

The anecdote is authentic and worth repeating in a newspaper, because a very different account of the astronomer's last words may sometimes be met with in tracts, and heard from the pulpit.

THERE is a New York Democratic paper which, in the tragic days when the sleuth-hound of slavery sprang full at the nation's throat, and it became absolutely necessary to slay the destroying monster, ranged itself instantly under the baleful banners of the beast, and wrought its evil best to encourage its malign fury and to prevent the success of the gallant hunters who sprang forth to grapple it and to choke it into its dishonored grave. There is also in England a man—General FAIRCHILD, United States Consul at Liverpool—who, when the great bugle call for manhood and for the hopes of manhood rang throughout the country, was among the very foremost of those who came forward to the embrace of battle, and sacrifice, and wounds, and death. In the oft repeated encounters of those scarlet days, his comely physical manhood was torn and mangled into a crippled wreck; and part of his body lies buried in the grave, in perpetual attestation of his loyal courage and devotion. This maimed hero, shorn by the slaveholders' rebellion of his fair proportions, the other day delivered an address before the English Peace Society, favoring appeals to International Conventions as means of settling disputes between nations, instead of having recourse to war. In the course of his speech, however, he insisted that the armed measures resorted to by this country to subdue the rebellion were entirely justifiable; whereupon the paper in question lashes itself into a hideous rage, and foams out its shame by sneering that this is the man who during the war "prattled unceasingly for more gore." General FAIRCHILD's voice was in his sword; but if it had been lifted in behalf of the other side—if he had lost his limb in seconding that journal's frantic but futile endeavors to dam back the benign flow of the ages—we should have heard no single whisper of complaint. But that he should have dared to array himself against ignorance, caste, prejudice, treason, and that paper, is in its view a crime too vast ever to be forgiven. It is perhaps superfluous to add that it is the same paper which of late obscenely howled over the grave of THADDEUS STEVENS, but slunk silently away to its lair the very moment in which justice appeared in sight. That sheet has but one tone, and it is the very keynote of moral baseness.

AMERICAN EXAMPLE IN FRANCE.

The popularity whether of a school boy or a nation can not be subjected to a more severe trial than that of being held up as a model for the admiration or imitation of others, and this trial the United States and their republican institutions are at present called to undergo in France. Even in France where the great transatlantic republic has from the first enjoyed a certain traditional patronage and favor both as having in some sense owed its existence to French valor and generosity and as being the hereditary enemy of "perfidious Albion," Yankee self-complacency and the coarser traits of Yankee character have long been subjects of more or less ridicule. The satire was, however, for the most part good natured, and seldom if ever exhibited any trace of the bitter dislike and contempt which mark SARDOU's *L'Oncle Sem*, and some other recent literary assaults upon American character and manners. Political causes have produced the change. The great republic is playing an important though involuntary part in contemporary French history; its exemplification of popular government affords constant encouragement to liberals of all schools, while many of them emphatically proclaim the Americanization of French institutions as the only hope of the country. Such deference for a foreign people is naturally offensive to many who care little what form of government may be finally established in France, and monarchists of all parties find a certain satisfaction in an exposure of the vices real or imaginary of the paragon they are asked to imitate.

There is something now and then almost pathetic in the simplicity with which French men, whose circumstances or whose studies have made them familiar with American ways and customs, endeavor to enlighten their benighted compatriots on the subject. They see that their own country is drifting almost at the mercy of the winds and waves, that the actual republic depends upon circumstances which may cease to exist at any moment, and that the people are really incapable of controlling the influences which must determine their future form of government. Familiar with the causes in the character and history of the American people upon which the success of their free institutions depends, these teachers do not fall into the mistake, committed by some abler men, of fancying that the American Constitution, with the appropriate machinery for its application, would by itself save France from anarchy or despotism. They see that American institutions set up in France without the American ideas about the functions of government and without the American habits of self-reliance and self-rule acquired in a long career of municipal independence, could not subsist for a year, and that if they did subsist, they would not secure the freedom or happiness of the people. Hence some of these French admirers of American institutions, unwilling to despair of their success in France, set themselves to the hopeless task of instructing their compatriots in the needful preliminary conditions, with a patience which is at once touching and admirable. Much of the instruction which they think necessary is so exceedingly elementary in character that, it was probably never before reduced to a written form in the English language. Propositions which to the English and American mind have always seemed self-evident truths are elaborated and expounded with the greatest fullness of illustration and detail, and their practical importance and the necessity of strictly observing them are urged as essential to the life of republicanism, with a fervor which implies painful misgiving on the part of the teacher as to the success of his exhortations.

In view of recent developments, it is mortifying to sensitive Americans to find that one of the American traits which these Frenchmen who recommend our example to French imitation, regard with most admiration and despair, is the religiousness of the American character. "The Americans, a free people *par excellence*, are religious, they feel the need of meeting together to pray in common and raise their thoughts to the Supreme Being." However, the Frenchman presently remembers that in default of churches, his compatriots have theaters, concerts, dancing saloons and *cafes*. They are, therefore, a truly social people, and their capital is "the only modern Athens—Paris!" But then he demands—"might we not have all the charming and solid qualities which at present distinguish us, without being so sceptical, and in order to believe in God, is it necessary to be either a fool or a bear?" Evidently this is not inevitable, he thinks, and then he recollects that in old times Frenchmen were men of faith.

Our countless newspapers also and the popular habit of reading them, though both seem needful to the life of free institutions, are regarded as hardly possible in France at present, in some of the provinces are large towns without a single newspaper or a single bookstore, because they are not needed. Whatever books are read are religious and these are furnished by or can be procured from the priests. It is true, however, that most energetic efforts are and for some time have been making to remedy this evil. Most attractive and appropriate books for the people are published in great multitudes, and circulated by special agents among the classes capable of reading them.

Another American "institution," as it may be called, which is much lauded and commended for adoption in France, is our popular lectures. And it is recommended with the force of English as well as American example. Perhaps rather too much importance is attached to the method as a means of popular instruction, that is, of the kind of popular instruction which is most needed in France. But as a means of stimulating the intellect and extending the knowledge of persons who have received careful elementary training it is hardly possible to overrate the value of lectures by men who are masters of the subjects which they undertake to discuss. Our French admirers seem to have heard of the popularity of lectures among us, without having received a very accurate notion of the nature of the instruction most commonly imparted in them. Certainly there has been improvement and signs abound that the reformation will be quite perfect. But truth and candor compel the admission that with a few honorable exceptions, the lecturers most widely known and popular in the United States have contributed very little either to the popular enlightenment or to the popular taste, while their influence has decidedly tended to unsettle opinion and encourage sciolism. Fortunately the imitation of the practice in France does not involve the adoption of its defects.

THE INAUGURAL.

The inaugural address of President GRANT, on the occasion of his second induction into the Presidential office, is printed in another part of this paper. Like his previous public utterances the address is almost totally devoid of grace of style or composition, but it is also distinguished by the same calm straightforwardness, the same clear insight into the practical needs of the times, and the same hearty desire of promoting the best interests of the country, which characterized them. If it is received as it ought to be, it will be hailed with satisfaction everywhere, and will make a notable addition to the many assurances already afforded that the new administration will be likely to prove itself every way worthy of the people, the country and the age. Every honorable minded man and lover of fair play will especially sympathize with the closing sentences of the address, directly personal to its author. President GRANT is quite right in asserting the verdict of the people to mean his vindication from the measureless villification and calumny to which he has been subjected. His re-election was certainly the best answer that could be given to the slanders of the campaign and to the bitter and ungenerous criticism which has followed him for four years. Never, perhaps, in the history of the country, was a President ever before so grossly and causelessly maligned. But the people saw no reason to distrust him. They knew that he had not disappointed them in the past, either with regard to his moral integrity, his political sagacity, or his wholesome firmness of purpose. Having full confidence in his rectitude and patriotism, and feeling sure of his ability and intention to carry on the work of national reconstruction and restoration until the vital principles established by the war should everywhere have hardened into practice, they rallied again to his support and gave him a triumphant re-election. And we have full belief that their generous confidence will be more than justified. Now let there be an end of the bitter partisan persecution with which he has heretofore been hounded. The record of the President is the best avouchment of his deserts. It is also the people's sufficient guarantee for the future. Let us have peace.

THE Local Option law, having passed the House finally as amended, will go to the Senate for concurrence. It is expected that the Senate will promptly concur, as soon as the bill is reached, and that it will be as promptly signed by the Governor. Under this law, the voters of Allegheny county will have an opportunity of expressing themselves "for" or "against" license, on the third Friday (21st) of March. The twenty-one days' notice required by the original act, has been reduced to eight days, so far as the first election is concerned, so that a full week yet remains for the issuing of the proclamations. The cities of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will vote separately, thus forming three divisions of the county. This provision was embodied in the original act, and has not been changed. It is the duty of the "Mayors of cities and Sheriffs of counties" to give notice of the election, so that the Mayors of Pittsburgh and Allegheny will issue their proclamations for their respective cities, while the Sheriff will give notice of the election in all the boroughs and townships where there are no prohibitory laws in force. Should a majority of the voters in either of these three grand divisions of the county vote against license, then no licenses either to sell by wholesale or retail can be granted in that part of the county for three years, and at the end of that time another vote must determine the matter in the same way. The first section of the original act provides "that all licenses granted after the first day of January, 1873, shall cease, determine and become void on the first day of April, 1873, if the district for which they shall be granted determines against the granting of licenses; and the treasurer of the proper county shall then refund, to the holder of such license, the money so paid therefor," etc. As it is only those licences which may have been granted *after* the first of January last, which are to become void on the first of April if a majority votes against license, it follows that those granted *before* the first of January will run out their full term. Under the present license law for Allegheny county, there are four periods from which the licenses date—May 1st, August 1st, November 1st and February 1st—all running for one year. Those having the longest to run would expire on the last of October next. After that date all licenses must cease except where a majority vote in favor of license.

GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

Letters from Governors of New England States, in which there are large representative bodies, to members of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention, all agree in the opinion that the system prevents corruption, popularizes the law making bodies, and promotes short sessions.

The total assessed value of property in California is $635,096,032. San Francisco is down for forty-five per cent. of it, and don't quite know whether to rejoice in its prosperity as thus revealed, or to lament the expense consequent upon it.

There is a great temperance revival going on in nearly all of the Western States.

Delaware is to have a Constitutional Convention on the 20th of May next.

The Massachusetts Legislature is pettitioned to appoint a board of competent mechanical engineers and scientific men, to devise some cheap and effective plan for constructing fire and water proof floors for mercantile buildings.

The Helena (Montana) *Herald* is confident the epizootic originated last spring among the ponies of the Piegan Indians in the British Possessions.

A California firm has set up an incubator of 2,000 eggs capacity. It is 9 feet long, 3½ feet wide, and 16 inches high, and is expected to turn out live chickens promptly and unerringly.

A Temperance Convention is to meet at Albany, New York, to-day, to urge upon the Constitutional Commission the advisability of inserting in the State Constitution a prohibition against the sale of liquors.

The feeling in favor of a Constitutional Convention is rapidly spreading among the people of Connecticut.

Over one hundred students are now employed at Jeddo in codifying and simplifying the Japanese characters with a view of adapting them to the sounds used in foreign languages.

The Boston *Advertiser* intimates that it might not be inappropriate to change the name of the Massachusetts Agricultural College to "A school to wean farmers' sons from farm work."

And now Indianapolis is to have an Industrial Exposition. Over one hundred thousand dollars having been guaranteed, the success of the project is assured.

A compound of alum, glue and sawdust offers a convenient material for ornamenting furniture or other wood work. It is easily molded, and by drying becomes so hard that it readily takes a high polish.

An Iowa man has started a wholesale goose nursery for the propagation of feather pillows. He opens with several thousand of these waddling promoters of green pastures.

The St. Louis *Democrat* says that the amount of trade which was totally lost to that city during January and February, for want of adequate transportation southward and southeastward, was greater than the trade actually done.

Dairying bids fair before long to supersede the cultivation of cereals in many sections of the Northwest, just as it has superseded grain growing in many portions of New York, Vermont, Ohio and Michigan.

PERSONAL.

The second arraignment of Rev. L. D. Huston, recently of Baltimore, is set down for to-day, when the annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South meets in that city.

Bret Harte lectured next door to a prayer meeting in Toronto, the other day, and his audience were requested not to disturb it.

The Pope, who declines to have anything to do with the government of Victor Emanuel in temporal matters, does not hesitate to ask favors in spiritual concerns, and has recently requested the government to suppress a series of articles on "The Life of Christ," now appearing in one of the radical papers.

A very extraordinary instance of "Enoch Ardenism" is related by a Detroit paper. A negro named Cobb, the slave of a Louisiana planter, ran away in 1854, to escape a threatened flogging, and, after wandering about some, settled down at Chatham, Mich., where, knowing there was no prospect of getting away the wife he had left in Louisiana, he soon married. His first wife continued in slavery until the Emancipation Proclamation freed her, when she came North, and two years ago remarried, and settled in Detroit. A few days ago her first husband, Cobb, met and recognized her there, and a very tearfully joyous scene ensued. No one can doubt the simple character of the arrangements they made, but the woman abandoned her home, her second husband and her child, and left with Cobb probably to re-marry, and the bereft spouse says he shall not pursue her.

John C. Conner, formerly of Indiana, but more recently a carpet-bag Congressman from Texas, has announced his determination to support the administration.

Rev. John Weiss, who recently delivered a series of lectures on Shakespeare at New York, has some new views of the character of Hamlet. Heretofore the question that has chiefly engaged the attention of critics and others with respect to this play is, was Hamlet's madness real or feigned? And now Mr. Weiss steps in and meets the query by the remark that Hamlet was not mad at all. His theory is that the Prince's conduct after he saw the ghost of his father was a protracted masquerade of his feelings and purposes, which he defines by the word "irony." He finds the key-note of the character in Hamlet's line that "a man may smile and smile and be a villain,"—that is, a man's demeanor may express something quite foreign to his purpose. The new hypothesis is certainly interesting.

The Marchioness Patrizzi, a Catholic lady in Rome, has pitted herself against Mrs. I. B. Gould, an American Protestant lady, in an attempt to establish free schools for children. The former offers an inducement of a dinner to the children, over the latter. Between the two the little Romans stand a fair chance to grow up somewhat less ignorant and fatter than under the old Papal *regime*.

Alexander Kirkland, one of the oldest and most respected of Baltimore merchants, died last Saturday. For more than sixty years he has been identified with the commercial interests of that city.

Elizabeth Affolter, the last of the thirty patriotic Swiss women, who commanded by an Austrian, fought against the French on the 2d of March, 1768, died lately in Grenchen, Switzerland.

George Odger, English cobbler and agitator, as he describes himself, has had his libel case, like more distinguished men. He prosecuted the *figaro*, a weekly paper conducted by Mr. Mortimer, an American gentleman, for having called him "an enemy of order, a demagogue of the lowest and most contemptible type, half boozy and half humbug, a political cheap-jack, who would be a political sharper if he had brains enough." "Some day," the writer added, "society will make short work of the Odgerites, and stamp them out as we did the cattle plague. At present Odger is supreme and triumphant, and Odgerism may work incalculable mischief before an opportunity occurs of putting an end to it." The jury were unable to agree.

STATE NEWS.

Mr. Charles N. Nicholson, late city editor of the Reading *Eagle*, died at his residence in that city, of consumption, on Sunday, at the age of thirty years.

The New Castle *Guardian* of yesterday says: About forty of the coke ovens are burning a superior quality of coke at present. The other forty will be in operation soon, as the demand is greater than the supply.

Capt. Robert F. Moffatt, an officer of the 100th P. V. (Roundheads), died in Neshannock township, Lawrence county, on Thursday last, aged thirty-two years. His disease was consumption.

The Corry *Blade*, in an article upon the present state of that place, says that, "looking upon all the bearings which can be brought before us relative to our city's present position, we are led to the conclusion that lack of unanimity, lack of sociability, lack of home pride, distrust of one another, and the great desire for braggart display, are the great cause of our present depression; and to these may be added the great desire to cut down prices for necessaries at home, while a falsely liberal expenditure for luxuries abroad is indulged in."

A well-dressed man has been swindling a number of shopkeepers in Philadelphia in a manner that is very provoking to them. He makes a purchase of a dozen spools of cotton and then discovers, to his apparent surprise that he has not his pocket-book about him. Representing that the cotton is much needed, he proposes to leave his spectacles as security that he will return and pay for it. In a number of instances this proposition has been accepted to, but the buyer did not return. His spectacles are of the cheapest kind, worth about fifty cents a dozen.

There appeared in the obituary columns of the Philadelphia *Ledger* last week notices of the deaths of fifteen persons—ten men and five women—who had lived to or beyond the advanced age of eighty years, to-wit: Balthazar Graff, aged 80; Henry Lyle, 90; William Abbott, 80; William Scott, 81; Sarah Harper, 83; Mary N. Hyzer, 83; Thomas Matlack, 84; Joseph Scholey, 84; James Kelly, 85; Fanny Coulter, 85; Sarah Buckley, 80; Elizabeth Snyder, 87; John Vangunten, 87; Thomas Mullin, 88, and Patrick Fitzpatrick, 90.

A lady sculptor will shortly open a study in Philadelphia.

Girard, Erie county, is just now undergoing a "grand revival" in favor of manufactories. For some years the town has run to circuses and lightning-rod companies, but the real estate owners and capitalists now realize that they must encourage something more substantial if they wish to increase the population of the town, and hence the present movement. A large meeting of those interested was held on the 22d ult. to organize concentrated action, and the result is, that a large pump factory and a wooden bowl factory are projected.

Rubinstein will give a concert in Titusville on next Saturday evening.

The Somerset *Herald* wants the court house, jail and poor house improved, the two first named being insecure, and the latter entirely without provision against fire.

A prize-fight came off a little way from the city limits of Scranton, on Saturday morning, between two bruisers named Conway and Costello. On the sixth round Costello struck a foul and the victory was accorded to Conway on that ground by the referee. They adjourned to a hotel near by, where a free fight ensued, resulting in the stabbing of the referee several times, and the injury of other persons. Pistols, knives and billies were freely used by those immediately interested, who are said to have been the most villainous set of cut-throats and roughs that ever congregated together.

Jackson Carlyle, who committed suicide in Pittston on Friday, mention of which was made in yesterday's COMMERCIAL, had been engaged to marry a young lady, who, without apparent cause, broke off the match. The young man had deposited with his father, some months ago, the sum of $1,000, saved from his own earnings. His health failing, he applied to his father for money to pay his expenses, and was met by a heartless refusal. These circumstances preyed on his mind, rendering him melancholy, and leading eventually to his suicide.

The Scranton *Times* says: General Winchester has recently purchased from the executors of his former partner in real estate transactions, Hon. Thaddeus Stevens, all the land owned by him in this county, amounting to about six thousand acres. It is principally coal land. This makes Mr. Winchester the largest individual real estate owner in Luzerne county.

The lawyers of Oil City have formed a bar association.

The Corry *Blade* says: We are informed that Mr. Wilder has made arrangements, so that if the Council modify the present contract with the Furnace company, that he will in ninety days have the blast furnace finished, and a forge running. We hope it may be so. It will be seen the Mayor has called a meeting of the Council, and we hope that body will assemble, and let their last acts cause them to go off in a blaze of glory!

The Erie *Dispatch* says that Saturday afternoon a man named Bryant, trying to cross one of the old canal locks, near the Fourth street bridge, fell down, and struck on the ice head foremost. Luckily he broke the ice instead of breaking his neck.

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

TUESDAY EVENING, March 4, 1873.

The excessive stringency of the money market which has prevailed for the past four months has been unfavorable to any legislation looking to the improvement of the financial situation. Mr. Sherman's bill, which aimed at specie payments was probably killed on this account, and because it was that its real tendency was toward expansion. We have now a proposition from the President of the Boston Board of Trade which is worthy of a patient hearing, and which we give in full below. The defects and evils of the present system are attributed to an irredeemable currency and over issues of bank paper. Such being the cause of the disease, the following is the remedy:

1. We propose, then, first of all that the government should take immediate steps to call in the existing legal tender notes, and replace them by an equal amount of new legal tender notes, all payable in gold coin, but only in amounts of $5,000,000 monthly, beginning with January 1, 1874. Each monthly instalment shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder so long as there would continue a premium. After that the notes might be paid out at par in exchange for old legal tenders, as fast as they should be called in, and of course none of the old legal tenders should be reissued by the Treasury. It is not improbable that within three months $50,000,000 might be thus called in and paid for, and by the end of the year perhaps $200,000,000 more. Beyond this any further issue would be unimportant, but it is probable that before $250,000,000 could be paid off at the rate of $50,000,000 per annum, all legal tenders would be at par with specie, and their exchange would be a mere matter of form.

II. Let the government, then, at once establish, at the sub-Treasury at New York, a Central Bureau of Redemption for all the National bank notes throughout the country. Let the notes thus redeemed be duly assorted, and the banks notified as often as may be necessary to redeem them in lawful money, say within thirty days. If not promptly redeemed, and we may suppose that most of them will not be, let the Treasury sell, from month to month, a sufficient number of the bonds held as part security for their redemption, to make good the deficiency and cancel the note. In this way those banks which have an excessive circulation, compared with their capital will have it properly curtailed without trouble, loss or injury of any kind. Those banks which are solvent and have the full amount of their existing circulation will have every possible facility for doing so, and above all, those who hold and use these notes will be assured not only of their ultimate security, but of their immediate convertibility at the great centers of trade.

Under the act of March 3, 1863, gold notes can be issued to the amount of twenty per cent. in excess of the deposit with the Treasury, so that this plan would necessitate a very heavy deposit of coin on the part of the Department.

As to the second proposition, some sort of a central redemption agency is certainly needed to get clear of the surplus of National bank notes in seasons of redundancy and to afford relief once into our system the much needed reform of *contraction* in seasons of easy money.

—The following table shows the prices of railway stocks, gold, &c., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by Geo. L. Whitehill, broker and dealer in stocks, bonds and gold, corner of Fifth avenue and Wood street:

March 4, 1873.	10:30 A.M.	11:30 A.M.	12:30 P.M.	1:30 P.M.	2:30 P.M.	3:00 P.M.
Gold	115	115	114¾	114¾	114⅝	----
Canton	86½	86½	86¾	86¾	87	----
Western Union Tel	----	----	----	----	----	----
Quicksilver	52½	52½	52¾	52¾	54½	55
Pacific Mail	----	----	----	94	----	----
Adams Express	----	----	----	88½	----	----
Wells-Fargo Express	----	----	----	89½	----	----
American Express	----	----	----	65	----	----
United States Express	----	----	----	114	----	----
New York Central	102¾	102¾	102¾	102¾	102¾	102¾
Erie	63⅜	63½	64¼	64¼	64¼	64¼
Michigan Central	----	----	----	97	----	97
Michigan Southern	92	92¾	----	93	93½	93½
Illinois Central	----	120	----	120	----	----
Cleveland and Pitts	----	99	----	99	----	----
Chicago and R. I.	----	99	----	99	----	----
Chic. go and N. W. pref	----	----	----	----	----	----
Rock Island	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½	112½
St. Paul	----	32	----	32	----	----
St. Paul pref	----	52	----	52	----	----
Wabash	25¾	25¾	----	25¾	----	----
Wabash pref	----	----	----	----	----	----
Fort Wayne	----	----	----	----	----	----
Ohio and Miss	44½	45	----	45	----	----
Ohio Central	34¾	35¼	----	35¼	----	35¼
Chicago and Alton	----	----	----	----	----	----
Chicago and Alton pref	----	----	----	----	----	----
Rent on Hudson river	----	----	----	----	----	----
Harlem	----	----	----	128	----	----
New Jersey Central	----	----	----	----	----	----
C. C. and I. C	----	----	----	----	----	----
Han. and Mo. R. and C	----	----	----	----	----	----
Iron Mountain	----	----	----	----	----	----
Atlantic Mail	----	4	----	----	----	----

—MESSRS. Ira B. McVay & Co. report the following quotations of Government bonds in New York to-day, as furnished them by Jay Cook & Co., their correspondents:

	Bid	Asked
U. S. Bonds of 1881	114¾	115
U. S. Bonds of 1867	115¾	115¾
U. S. Bonds of 1868	115¾	116¼
U. S. 10-40s of 1865	111¾	111¾
U. S. Bonds of 1865, new	114¾	114¾
U. S. Bonds of 1867	115¾	115¾
U. S. Bonds of 1868	115¾	116¼
6-20s	----	113
Nos. 58	----	113
Gold	115	115¼
Currency	114	114

—James T. Brady & Co., corner of Fourth avenue and Wood street, quote United States securities in New York to-day as follows:

Gold	115
United States 6s of 1881	114¾
United States 5 20s of 1862	115¾
United States 5 20s of 1864	115¾
United States 5 20s of 1865	115¾
United States 10-40s	111¾
United States 5 20s, January and July, 1865	115¾
United States 5 20s, January and July, 1867	115¾
United States 5 20s, January and July, 1868	115¾
Currency Packages	114

—The last official return of the Comptroller of the Currency of the condition of the banks of the entire country on the 27th of December last, shows that there were 1,791 banks, with an aggregate capital of $487,666,225. The aggregate circulation of these banks was increased 149, and the amount of National bank capital $72,052,250, while the decrease in banks in the South and West was 71. The increase in number of banks and amount of capital was attended by an increase in the deposits to the amount of $18,290,600, putting the aggregate of National bank notes outstanding to $356,269,985. The loans and discounts made by the very high figure of $881,000,000, an increase of $66,700,000. Notwithstanding this large increase of loans the nominal gain in individual deposits is but some $2,000,000. The banks held $5,000,000 more of legal tenders, but $14,700,000 less of specie, being $6,000,000 less of lawful money in their reserve. An analysis of the reserve of each class of banks, namely, the country banks required to hold 15 per cent., and banks of redemption cities required to hold 25 per cent., gives the following aggregates of leading items:

CLASS 1.—COUNTRY BANKS, 15 PER CENT.	Dec. 1872.	Dec. 1871.
Reserve required	$87,290,000	$81,750,000
Legal tenders held	102,055,330	91,490,000
Excess over reserve	26,500,000	22,850,000
Per cent. reserve to liabilities	20.4	19.7
CLASS 2.—BANK OF REDEMPTION CITIES, 25 PER CENT.		
Reserve required	$93,000,714	$103,150,000
Legal tenders held	69,402,742	57,150,000
Reserve over reserve	23,597,972	45,900,000
Per cent. reserve to liabilities	18.6	27.8
CLASS 3.—BANKS OF NEW YORK, 25 PER CENT.		
Reserve required	$47,750,000	$41,700,000
Legal tenders held	10,060,991	5,000,000
Specie held	1,304,400	5,000,000
Per cent. reserve to liabilities	24.7	27.4

These figures show an improvement in the percentage of reserve of the country banks. The city banks, however, show less favorably, mainly by reason of the withdrawal of legal tender certificates, which Congress made a concurrent condition of banking and currency expansion elsewhere, and the effect of which has been felt by the banks of the large cities, which were the chief holders of the certificates. It is deserving of note, as showing the tendencies of banking at our financial centers, that the reserves at the redemption cities have shown a steady decline in their ratio to liabilities for years past, beginning with January, 1868, at 33.2 per cent., gradually declining to 25.8 in October, 1872.

—Messrs. Robinson Bros., bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following telegraphic report of quotation of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board to-day:

Penn'a Central	66½	Phila. and Erie	26
Reading	57⅝	Lehigh Navigation	37⅝
United Cos. of N. J.	191½	Pittsburgh 6s	73
Oil Creek & A. V. R.	33½	A. V. R. R. 7-30s	91
Lehigh Valley R. R.	60½	Central Transp'n.	48

PITTSBURGH OIL TRADE.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, WEDNESDAY, March 5, 1873.

REMARKS.—We have to notice a continued dull market, with buyers and sellers widely apart in their views. This, however, has been the situation for some time. An improvement in prices and demand would be very acceptable to both holders and producers. Parker's is quoted nominally at $2 60@2 65 per bbl., equal to about 4c here. For prices at other points in the oil regions see our dispatches.

REFINED.

In the absence of sales we can only give the figures at which standard brands can be obtained, viz.: 15¾@15¾c per gallon. There was no export demand. The Eastern markets are fully as dull as our own.

[By Western Union Telegraph Line.]

TITUSVILLE, Pa., March 4.—The *Courier* says: The market remains quite but weak, and closed dull. Sales:

200 bbls upper road, spot	$2 12½
500 bbls upper road, spot	2 15
1,100 bbls upper road, spot	2 17½
1,000 bbls lower road, spot	2 22½
600 bbls lower road, spot	2 30
1,400 bbls Oil City, spot	2 30
500 bbls Tidioute, spot	2 00
1,000 bbls Parker's, spot	2 05
1,000 bbls Parker's, spot	2 00

NEW YORK, March 4.—closing 2.—The market is without life, and prices nominal. Crude in bulk 8¾, 8¾c. Refined, spot delivery, 19c; April 19½c; May 20c. Cases 26¾@26¾c. Without sales, Philadelphia delivery very quiet and weak; refined, spot, 18c; April 18½c; May 18¾c; June 19½c.

PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—Market quiet; S. W. 19c; sales, none; crude in bulk 8c; cases 24½c; futures, April 19c, May 19½c.

PETROLEUM CENTER, March 4.—Market dull at $2 20@2 25.

TITUSVILLE, March 4.—Market nominal at $2 12½@2 15—no sellers at these prices; buyers' option, March, $2 20.

BRADFORD, March 4.—Market quiet, dull and declining; quoted at $2 10.

OIL CITY, March 4.—Market dull and declining at $2 25; upper road $2 15; lower road $2 10.

[By Pacific and Atlantic Telegraph Line.]

TITUSVILLE, March 4.—Market very heavy, with sales of small lots at $2 10; large lots at $2 12½@2 15.

OIL CITY, March 4.—Market quiet at $2 30.

TIDIOUTE, March 4.—Market quiet at $2 00@2 05.

PARKER'S, March 4.—Market very weak and little doing at $2 05@2 07½.

PARKER'S, March 4.—Market quiet and nothing doing at $2 10.

Shipments of Refined Oil East via A. V. R. R., W. P. R. R. and P. R. R.

WEST PENN JUNCTION, March 4, 1873.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Central Refining Co.	J. R. McKee	120
John Spear & Co.	J. R. McKee	55
Wormser, M. & Co.	Logan, Bro & Co	230
Brown & Wagner	Warling, R. & Co, Phila	300
S. Irwin & Co.	Waring, R. & Co, Phila	366
P. W. Isenberger	Warden, P. & Co, Phila	190
Lockhart, F. & Co.	Warden, P. & Co, Phila	304
Livingston Bro.	Warden, P. & Co, Phila	200
Citizens' Oil Co.	Tack Bros & Co, Phila	240
Central Ref'g Co.	J. P. Logan, Phila	150
Central Ref'g Co.	Wm Kilby	37
J Spear & Co.	Dale & Hart	48
Total		2,073

Crude Oil Received by A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
O J Greer	Citizens' Oil Works	1,314
O J Greer	Vesta Oil Works	553
S N Rolfe, sup	Nonpareil Oil Works	314
Thomas Hacket	Unteam Oil Works	160
W W Nicholas	Radnet Oil Works	160
W S Bantam	Brilliant Oil Works	149
Fisher B &	Eagle Oil Works	155
Fisher B &	Standard Oil Works	344
B S Duncan	Hutchinson Oil Works	089
B S Duncan	Vesta Oil Works	586
Thack & M	Citizens' Oil Works	228
S W Stevenson	Vesta Oil Works	461
Owden	Fairview Oil Works	194
B S Duncan	Riverside Oil Works	943
B S Duncan	Fairview Oil Works	943
Total		6,958

Crude Oil Received by Rail and River.

	Bbls.		Bbls.
Citizens' Oil Works	1542	Vesta Oil Works	1508
Nonpareil Oil Wks	314	Sunbeam Oil Wks	160
Radiant Oil Works	160	Brilliant Oil Works	149
Eagle Oil Works	155	Standard Oil Works	344
Hutchinson O W	1089	Riverside Oil Wks	943
Fairview Oil W	224		
Total			6,958

Shipments of Refined Oil East by W. P. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Waring & Waring	W. R. & Co, Phila	300

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, March 4, 1873.

RECEIPTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Hor's.	Mules.
	No. head.	No. head.	No. head.	No. head.	No. head.
Sunday, March 2	340	800	800	45	68
Monday, March 3	600	1,500	1,200	60	----
Tuesday, March 4	34	1,100	1,400	----	----
Total	974	3,100	3,400	105	68

SHIPMENTS.

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Hor's.	Mules.
	No. head.	No. head.	No. head.	No. head.	No. head.
Monday, March 3	----	1,100	1,000	75	68
Tuesday, March 4	380	1,200	600	105	----
Total	380	2,300	1,600	180	68

Cattle.

The receipts of cattle this week so far have been light both of through and way stock. The quality of the arrivals is fair. The attendance of buyers to this time has been small, and there was very little doing at the yards to-day. Some of the buyers refused to purchase at last week's figures, on account, as they said, that cattle bought did not make any money. As yet it is hardly safe to tell what the market is, and we prefer to withhold quotations until to-morrow.

Hogs.

The run of hogs was light. In quality the York hogs are fair while the Philadelphia hogs are medium; very few extra or choice coming in the market at present. Yesterday afternoon the market was rather excited on Philadelphia account, prices were run up to $6 25 for extra. The feeling to-day is not so good, and we think that 6c is about the top of the market, at least buyers want to purchase at about that figure. Market closed firm at the following rates:

Extra Philadelphia $6 00; prime do $5 75 to $5 90; prime Yorkers $5 50.

Sheep.

The run of sheep this week so far has been fair. The market has not fairly opened yet and it is impossible to give correct rates. The feeling, however, is not so good at present, as some dealers think, for the market about the close. There has not been sales enough made to base quotations on.

PRODUCE AND GENERAL MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH COMMERCIAL, TUESDAY, March 4, 1873.

REMARKS.—The cold weather shows no signs of leaving us yet, and many who anticipated the early new firm believers in the "ground hog" think if the fourth of March—Inauguration day—spring time, and the days of carly gardening—with the accompanying mud below zero. Added to the bad and icy condition of the sidewalks and streets, is it any wonder that trade should rule dull. There is little navigation by water; the railroads are in the same degree impeded by snow and ice which prevents their being able to move freights promptly, thus causing dealers not only annoyance, but in some cases actual loss. But the long, unprecedented, severe winter must ere long come to a close, when we look forward to a heavy spring trade.

With regard to the rulings of the market we have no changes to note worthy of special mention. Flour, grain, groceries and provisions are unchanged, with a further limited demand reported. The same is true of all other leading articles.

Below will be found the receipts of grain and produce by rail and river since our last report:

Wheat, sacks	1,274	Barley, sacks	170
Flour, sacks	1,000	Rye, sacks	100
Flour, bbls	420	Apples, bbls	52
Butter, packages	53	Bacon, therces	209

We may add that our leading merchants and manufacturers are busily engaged in "stocking up" in view of the coming spring trade. The stocks, so far as our observation goes are full and complete, and though they will be sold on the most reasonable terms we, therefore, look forward to an immense spring trade.

We omit extended quotations.

WOOL MARKETS.

BOSTON.

March 1.—The market continues dull and depressed, showing no improvement over last week. The sales have been only moderate, and many of them have been made at very low figures. There is no regularity in prices, and the only way in which the price of a lot of wool can be ascertained is by making an offer for it. Holders of wool seem inclined to meet the market, though there is an impression existing in part of some houses not to make as large concessions as have been made recently.

Good Ohio and Pennsylvania wools, as well as good-to-fine Michigan and Wisconsin, are growing scarcer, and the receipts are likely to decrease, so that a call can be soon now. The sales of the past few weeks include lots which have been in transit for two months, and even more, having been blockaded by the roads. So far as we can learn there has been comparatively little wool bought on account of foreign direct account, and the principal shipments of Western fleeces are received in larger quantities than usual, the stock is likely to become well assorted during the next few months.

Prices for wools have been quiet, and prices vary much, as stock is only moderately large in all the leading grades, and manufacturers are slow, irregular and unsatisfactory to any but buyers.

California wool has sold in a small way at a decided street in proportion to that on western fleeces. For some kinds of work it is the cheapest wool in the market.

Receipts for the week ending February 27 foot up 2,356 bales domestic and 321 bales foreign.

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New York Finance and Trade.

Gold Closed at 115.

NEW YORK, March 4, 1873—P. M.

MONEY.

Money stringent in the main to-day, although there were intervals of comparative ease. Stock brokers paid from 1-32 to ⅛ per day, with considerable portion of the business at 1-16. The time loans were made at 7 per cent. and commission of 1 per cent. for thirty days, and 1⅜ for sixty days. Some banks are shipping currency to Chicago and Cincinnati.

EXCHANGE.

Sterling Exchange heavy at 107¾@108. Owing to the pending German houses was drawing against $2,000,000 bonds of the Oregon Branch of the Central Pacific Railroad, recently brought out on the London Exchange at 79¾.

GOLD.

Gold strong, ranging at 114¾@115⅛, and closing at 115 bid. Loans at 4 per cent. to 1-32 for carrying, and 1-64 for borrowing. Clearings $72,000,000. The Treasury disbursed $81,700.

GOVERNMENTS.

Governments very dull and steady.

U. S. coup 1881	115⅛	5-20s, 1867	116⅛
5-20s, 1862	115⅝	5-20s, 1868	116⅝
5-20s, 1864	115⅝	10-40s	113⅛
5-20s, 1865	116⅛	10-40s	111⅛
5-20s, 1865, new	114⅝	Currency 6s	114

STATE BONDS.

State securities dull, with Tennessees lower.

Missouri 6s	94	Virginia, old	60
Tennessee, 6s, old	80	North Carolina, old	31½
Tennessee 6s, new	80	North Carolina, new	16
Virginia, new	50		

RAILROAD BONDS.

Railroad bonds are more active with a decline in Union Pacific firsts, while land grants are firm and higher.

STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market was affected by the reports that Congress at the last moment authorized, by Ryder to an appropriation bill the reissue of $44,000,000 of Treasury notes contracted by Secretary McCulloch, and prices advanced 1a5¾ per cent., the rise being most marked in the shares which suffered most in the recent decline. The market reacted somewhat before the close on sales to realize profits. It appears the Directors of the Pacific Mail Company agreed to purchase four of Wood's steamers for a million dollars, and made an appropriation for the completion of the iron vessels for the route now fitting up. The $7,000 shares of the reserve stock of the company were sold when the stock was at par. It is understood that Mr. Stockwell, has, at the request of the directors, placed in their hands additional collateral securities for mortgages on his private property. The improvement in stocks was most marked in Pacific Mail, Western Union, Lake Shore, New York Central and Panama. The latter agrees show a reaction from the highest rates, but he market closed steady.

Western U. Tel Co	87½	Wabash	73
Quicksilver	43	do preferred	88
Adams Express	71½	Ft. Wayne	93
Wells Fargo & Co	82¾	Terre Haute	10
American Express	65	do preferred	40
U. S. Express	71½	Chicago & Alton	109½
Pacific Mail	54¾	do preferred	112½
N. Y. Central	102¾	Ohio & Mississippi	32½
Erie	64¼	C. C. & C	89½
do preferred	76	Hartford & Quincy	130
Hudson	127	Lake Shore	93¾
do preferred	130	Panama	34
Harlem	127½	Illinois Central	121
Reading	97¾	Union Pacific	34¾
Michigan Central	89	Central Pacific	104
do preferred	89¾	Union	86¾
Michigan Southern	93¾	Del. & Lackawanna	103
N. J. Central	102¾	Hartford & Erie	8¾
St. Paul	32¾	Sterling Exchange	108¾

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago Market.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 4, 1873.

FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat dull and the market unsettled and lower; No 2 spring Chicago $1 19¾a1 19¾ cash; 1 21⅜ seller April; No 3 do $1 07¾; rejected 92@92c. Corn dull but lower; No 2 mixed 31½c cash; seller April; 36c seller May; rejected 37¾c. Oats dull and prices drooping at 26¾c cash; rejected 23½c. Rye steady; No 2, 65c. Barley dull and prices declining; fall No 2, 71¾@72c; No 3, 61@61½c.

SEEDS—Timothy seed quiet and unchanged.

PROVISIONS—Special active demand and prices higher. Mess pork closed at $13 95, seller April. Lard steady, with a moderate demand; $8 80 cash or seller March. Bulk meats steady, with a moderate demand; sales shoulders at 50; packed country loose, 4½c; short rib middles, 6½c; loose do, 6c; 12 lbs average, 6¾c.

DRESSED HOGS—Demand fair and prices advanced to $5 20a5 60 for fair to choice.

WHISKY—Demand fair and prices advanced to 97c.

New York Market.

NEW YORK, March 4.—Cotton in good export demand; middling upland 20¾c; sales of futures, 11,000 bales, as follows: March, 20 3-16@20 ¼c; April, 20¾@20¾c; May, 20 13-16@20 15-16c; June, 21⅛@21 3-16c; July, 21 9-16@21 11-16c. Flour—Receipts 9,000 bbls; superfine western and State $5 30@6 65; common to good $6 70a7 55; good to choice $7 60@8 40; white wheat extra $8 50@9 50; extra Ohio $7 00@9 50; St. Louis $7 50@12 75. Rye flour quiet. Corn meal heavy; western $3 85@4 05. Whiskey quiet at 92c. Wheat very quiet; receipts 18,000 bushels; No 2 Milwaukee 1 @1 05; very choice No 2 Milwaukee, in store, $1 64; inferior red western $1 72; No 2 Northwest, in store, $1 68. Rye quiet at 90@96c. Barley unchanged. Canal freights dull. Lower seed heavy at $8 50a8 75. Timothy seed $2 62a2 75. Corn somewhat better and in moderate demand; receipts 28,000 bushels; old western mixed, afloat, 45¾@46c; State 45¾c; new western mixed afloat, 45@45½c; new western yellow, 45½@46c. Oats heavy; receipts 4,500 bushels; new western, mixed 43@43½c; white 50a51½c. Eggs dull at 20c. Hay scarcely firm; quiet, Coffee quiet; Rio 18a20¾c. Sugar moderately active; fair to good refining 8¾@9¼c. Molasses quiet; New Orleans 43a47c. Rice steady at 8@9c. Petroleum—Crude 8½c; refined 19¾c. Tallow firmer at 8¾c. Provisions—Pork firmer; new mess $16 62½; prime mess $14 25 at 50. Beef dull and unchanged. Cut meats dull; hams 11a11½c; shoulders 6c. Middles steady; long clear 7¾a7¾c; short clear 8c; seller April 8¾c. Lard firm and in good demand; prime steam 8 4-16c; western steam 8 7-16@8½c; kettle 8¾@8¾c; seller March and April 8 11-16@8 15-16c; May 8¾@9c. April buyer's option 90 days 9c. Western butter quiet at 15@20c. Cheese quiet at 12a12½c.

Cincinnati Market.

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THE VERY LATEST.

XLII CONGRESS.

ENDING OF THE SESSION.

Valedictory of the Retiring Vice President and Opening Address of His Successor.

Forty-third Senate in Extra Session.

Closing Scenes in the House—Remarks from Garfield Concerning the Credit Mobilier—Farewell Address of Speaker Blaine.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, March 4, 1873.

The Senate reconvened at 9:30 but there was no quorum present. A brief recess was taken, after which the bill providing for the purchase of a site for a public building at Pittsburgh was passed.

The bill to remove the political disabilities of H. M. T. Hunter, of Virginia, was passed.

COMMITTEE TO WAIT ON THE PRESIDENT.

At 11:15, Mr. CONKLING offered a resolution, which was agreed to, for the appointment of a committee of two to wait upon the President and inform him that unless he had some further communication to make the two houses, having finished the business before them, were ready to adjourn. The Vice President appointed Messrs. Conkling and Trumbull as such committee.

At 11:20 Mr. CONKLING reported that the President had been waited on. He had no further communication to make to Congress.

THE PRESIDENT AND CABINET.

At a few minutes before twelve the President elect, escorted by Senator Cragin, Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements, followed by members of the Cabinet, entered the Chamber.

VALEDICTORY OF THE RETIRING VICE PRESIDENT.

Senators—The time fixed by the Constitution for the dissolution of the Forty-second Congress has arrived, and with a few parting words I shall resign this gavel to the honored son of Massachusetts who has been chosen by the people as my successor. Administrations terminate and Congresses expire at years pass by, but the nation lives and grows and prospers, to be served in the future by those equally faithful to its interests and equally proud of its growing influence among the nations of the earth. To be called by the representatives of the people, and afterwards by the people themselves, to the responsible duty of presiding successively over the two houses of Congress for the past ten years, from the era of the war through the era of reconstruction, to the era of peace, more than fills the measure of an honorable ambition. Looking back over these ten exciting years, I can claim nothing that I have consciously done to merit the confidence misplaced that called me to this position, but also that I have striven in its official duties to administer the parliamentary law with the same impartiality with which the upright judge upon the bench decides in questions of life and liberty. To faithfully protect the rights of the minority, as well as to uphold the rights of the majority in the advancement of public business. To remain calm and unmoved amid the excitement of debate, and to temper and restrain partisan zeal and guard against personal antagonism, to perform acceptably the complex and often perplexing duties of the chair without partisan bias, has been my constant endeavor. How much I have failed in this, the hundreds of decisions made by me, often on the instant, none have been reversed and scarcely any seriously questioned, bear ample witness. I therefore thank kindness and support of the members over whom I have presided, and to regret, in few words. It has been bounded by no party lines and controlled by no political affiliations, and I rejoice that I have been able to attest my appreciation of this support. While jealously defending the privileges before the people, this defense has never been coupled with personal assaults on any of the eminent public men with whom I have been brought in persons on their character have dishonored my tongue or my pen. Such offenses are foreign to my lips. But the clock admonishes me that the Forty-second Congress has already passed into history, and is waiting now for the close of the gavel. For your country, and happy lives for yourselves, and thanking you for the resolution spread on your journal, and invoking the favor of Him who holds the destinies of nations and of men in the hollow of his hand, I am ready to administer the oath of office to the Vice President elect, whom I now introduce to you.

ADDRESS OF VICE PRESIDENT WILSON.

Vice President Wilson standing at the Secretary's desk, then addressed the Senate as follows:

Senators—In assuming the position assigned me by the voice of the nation, I am not, I trust, unmindful of the obligations it imposes. In all service here somewhat prolonged, covering a period crowded with great events, and an association with nearly two hundred and thirty Senators, many of them statesmen of large and varied experience, have impressed upon me a profound ideal of the responsibilities resting upon the occupant of this chair, under the rules of the Senate and the requirements of the Constitution. In passing then from the seat I have occupied for more than eighteen years to this chair, I trust I may be pardoned for a brief reference to its past requirements—something too of the late action of the Senate.

In presiding over your deliberations I shall ever strive to be free from personal prejudice and partisan bias. A sense of public duty and obligations of personal friendship alike require that I shall be not considered as the mere register of the will of any one of my decisions, made on points unexpectedly arising, and often without proper reflection. I hope it may be good fortune, however, to be always sustained by the Senate. Only in a single instance to have had a ruling reversed. I advert to this gratifying fact, to quote the language of the great statesman of my native State, to in no vain spirit of emulation, but as furnishing a powerful motive for gratitude. Senators, I thank you now, gentlemen, with a hearty God bless you all, I discharge my solemn duty in declaring that the House of Representatives of the Forty-second Congress has adjourned without day.

At the conclusion of the remarks of Mr. THURMAN, which were generally and heartily applauded on the floor and in the galleries, and then the members formed in procession, with the Speaker at their head, and went to the Senate chamber to participate in the inaugural ceremonies.

Cincinnati Pork Packing Statistics.

CINCINNATI, March 4.—The report of Superintendent Maxwell of the Chamber of Commerce on Cincinnati pork packing for the season just ended was submitted in detail to the Chamber to-day. From this it appears that while the number according to count is about 4,000 less than last winter, the packing this season is expected to yield 20,000 more than last year's average: an increase in gross average of 15 to 16 pounds. Average weight of all kinds of hogs packed, 4,660,000 pounds: an increase of two and three-fourth million pounds. Average yield per head of all kinds of lard 46.5, pounds: an increase per head of 4½ pounds. Aggregate cost of hogs $7,500,000, at a gross average cost per hundred of $5 25, being 56 cents per hundred less than last season. Number of barrels of mess pork packed, 80,000, as compared with 62,000 barrels of mess pork last season. The summer packing last year was 84,000 hogs against 57,000 in the year 1871.

The New Consolidated Steamboat Line.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—The position of the new Upper Mississippi Consolidated Keokuk and Northern Packet Company is stated as follows: Capt. John A. McCune, President; Capt. W. H. Davidson, General Superintendent; Thomas H. Griffith, Secretary and Treasurer. The Executive Committee, composed of Captains McCune, Davidson and Thos. B. Rhodes will have the management of the business. The appointment of officers of steamers, agents, &c. E. W. Gould, John A. Scudder and P. Conrad will decide the value of the property of the three old lines and determine at what rates the steamers shall be turned into the new company. The following steamers will not be consigned to the valuation, as they will run in other trades: Jno. Kyle, City of Quincy, Pringle, Lacrosse, Illinois and St. Louis.

EUROPE.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The Frauds on the Bank of England—Stock Developments Expected.

LONDON, March 4.—It is reported that the frauds on the Bank of England amount to $2,000,000, and that of this amount $250,000 was drawn upon Jay Cooke, McCulloch & Co., $200,000 upon Rothchilds, and a large amount, the exact figures unknown, upon Barings. Some of these bonding are said to be making strenuous efforts to suppress the details of the transactions. It is stated, on what appears to be good authority, that one of the members of the house of Rothchilds sent to Newgate to-day and had an interview with Noyes, the alleged accomplice in the swindlers, and that startling revelations concerning their operations were made, which will be kept secret for the present.

LONDON, March 4.—The circumstances of the frauds on the Bank of England remain a mystery. Noyes, the clerk or confederate of the forgers now under arrest, is a native of the United States. He protests his innocence, but doubtless knows more than he is willing to tell at present. Astonishment is expressed that the extent of the transactions did not arouse the suspicions of the bank officials, but it seems that the operators represented that they were interested in the Overtoun Gurney and American palace cars on British railways, and were arranging for their manufacture on a scale which required the employment of a large amount of funds.

The Carlist Uprising and Insubordination Among the Spanish Troops.

BAYONNE, March 4.—A passenger train for France was stopped by the insurgents on Saturday last near Granollers Des Valles, sixteen miles north of Barcelona, and compelled to proceed to the latter place. Insubordination is rife among the national troops at Reuss, and the authorities have resolved on disbanding a number of regiments.

Doubtful Rumor from Spain.

PARIS, March 4.—The *Messager de Paris* publishes, in an extra this evening, dispatches reporting that Marshal Serrano has been appointed Dictator of Spain, and that the Republicans have suffered a severe defeat at the hands of the Carlists near Irun.

Ravages of the Yellow Fever in Brazil.

LISBON, March 4.—The South American steamer brings news that the ravages of the yellow fever in Brazil were unabated. At Rio Janeiro the death rate was from thirty-five to forty per day and the epidemic had spread to Bahia and Pernambuco. A number of English residents returned in the steamer and others were preparing to leave the country.

The Cabinet Crisis Settled in Berlin.

BERLIN, March 4.—As the cabinet obstinately persist in their strike, to the great inconvenience of the public, the police authorities have ordered the city proprietors to close their premises under penalty of withdrawal of their licenses in case of refusal.

Pere Hyacinthe will Return to the Pulpit.

PARIS, March 4.—Three hundred liberal Catholics have united in an address to Pere Hyacinthe, urging him to resume the pulpit at Geneva. The father has made a favorable reply, saying that he is writing to priests to those who are resolved not to surrender to the Ultramontanes, and to unbelief.

Dinner at the American Legation in Berlin—President Grant Toasted by Bismarck.

BERLIN, March 4.—A dinner was given to-night at the American Legation in honor of the inauguration of President Grant. Minister Bancroft presided. At his right sat Prince Bismarck. The Diplomatic Corps were present, saying that he be writing to Among the distinguished guests were Counselor Von Philippsborn and Herr Von Gerstal, Director of Universities. The toast to the President of the United States was offered by Prince Bismarck, and Minister Bancroft responded in the name of the German Emperor.

Progress of the Spanish Republic.

MADRID, March 4.—In the Assembly to-day Senor Figueras, President of the Ministry, submitted a bill convoking the Constituent Cortes on the 1st day of May, also ordering elections for Cuba, Porto Rico and Porto Rico on the 10th of April, all male citizens of the age of twenty to be entitled to vote therefor; providing for the election of Senators after it has voted the budget, abolition of slavery and armament of the republic; providing for equality in the interim a permanent committee shall sit, and as soon as the Cortes meets the committee and the Ministry shall resign. Senor Tetuan, Minister of Finance, presented a bill authorizing the sale of the Crown property. Senor Sarmi introduced a bill extending the operation of the banking, judiciary, registration and mortgage laws of Spain to Cuba.

Speech by M. Thiers in the French Assembly—Constitutional Project Adopted.

PARIS, March 4.—President Thiers made a great speech in the Assembly to-day, outlining his determination to maintain the pact of Bordeaux. The preamble of the constitutional project, declaring that the Assembly assumed the exercise of constituent power, was adopted by the Chamber—475 yeas, to 210 nays.

Probable End of the Welsh Iron Strike.

LONDON, March 4.—The men on strike in Merthyr Tydvil, at a meeting to-day, resolved to return to work on the old wages terms for two weeks, and trust to the masters' honor for an advance of wages for the third week. It is probable this action will bring the long strike to an end.

Marine News.

LIVERPOOL, March 4.—The steamship Celtic, from New York, has arrived.

MOVILLE, March 4.—The steamship Trinacria, from New York, has arrived.

BREST, March 4.—The steamer St. Laurent, from New York, has arrived.

European Markets.

LONDON, March 4, P. M.—Consols for money 92¾; American securities: 5-20s of 1865, 93¾; do of 1867, 93¾; 10-40s, 89¾; new 5s, 90¾. Erie Railway 18¾; Illinois 44s 9d.

LIVERPOOL, March 4, P. M.—Cotton firm; uplands 12¾d; Orleans 12¾d; sales 12,000 bales, of which 10,000 bales were exported. Breadstuffs quiet; California white wheat 11s 7d; red winter 11s 2d. Flour 24s 6d. Corn 31s 6d. Pork 72s 6d. Lard 57s 6d. Bacon 37s 6d. Cheese 63s. Tallow 44s 9d.

HAVRE, March 4.—Cotton firm; middling uplands 97c. Orleans 103; sales 12,000 bales, of which 7,000 bales were exported. Breadstuffs quiet; No. 2 spring wheat 20f. Flour 48f. Corn 39f. Oats 21f. Barley 24f. Pork 100f. Lard 97f. Spirits turpentine 68f. Rosin 30f. Petroleum 97f. Tallow 97f.

ANTWERP, March 4.—Petroleum 44 francs.

Suit Brought for the Recovery of the Bribery Money.

TOPEKA, KS., March 4.—J. Q. Page brought suit in the District Court here to-day against Governor Osborne, Lieutenant Governor Steven, State Treasurer Hays and Colonel York, for the recovery of the $7,000 procured by York from Senator Pomeroy, the Northern fund for the redemption of Kansas, duly safe, and took charge of it. The defendants subsequently gave bonds for the money, under the statute, and the historic packages were restored to their possession.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

The weather in the Northwest is severe. At Sparta, Wisconsin, yesterday the thermometer stood at thirty-five degrees below zero. At St. Paul and Minneapolis it was fifteen below.

Two of the Alabama Supreme Court Justices have decided that the Court House Legislature has not the legal body. The third Justice rendered a dissenting opinion that the legal Legislature was that organized under the Governor on Sullivan's call.

Gen. Edward Johnston, who fought in the Mexican war and for the South during the rebellion, died in Richmond on Sunday last.

The New Orleans Volunteer Fire Department yesterday celebrated its thirty-sixth anniversary by a grand procession. Thirty-one companies in line and all looking well.

The body of a well known German was found on the track of one of the railroads in Indianapolis on Saturday morning. It is supposed he was struck by a train while walking on the track.

The scaffold on the new National Bank building, Louisville, gave way yesterday, carrying down with it two journeymen plasterers, injuring them probably of sixty feet. Clay was instantly killed and Shepherd died soon after.

Senator Thompson, of Indianapolis, was serenaded last night by the German societies and a large number of citizens opposed to the Temperance law recently passed by the Legislature.

A very large meeting of citizens was held at the Terre Haute, Ill., Court House yesterday evening at which there was a warm and protracted debate and resolutions were adopted in favor of the rigid enforcement of the new liquor law.

Advices from Dayton deny the death of John Dutley from the effects of a shot on Saturday night as reported on Monday and say he has a fair prospect for retrovering.

Two freight trains on the Indianapolis and Cincinnati Railroad collided near Cincinnati yesterday afternoon. No persons injured. Both locomotives badly injured. The cars took fire, seven of them were burned together with two horses that one of the cars coinsined.

The New York Senate, by a vote of seven to fifteen, refused to declare Tweed's seat vacant.

The steamship Minnesota, from Liverpool, arrived at New York yesterday.

In consequence of some facts connected with the conviction of Foster, the Democratic Governor elect, just pardoned, Governor Dix has directed the sheriff of the city and county of New York to suspend the execution of sentence until Friday, first inst.

A fire broke out in the chemical manufactory of Jacob Ehlas, at the foot of Dupont street, at Williamsburgh, New York, and several frame buildings adjoining, were destroyed, loss of about $90,000.

The wires of the Western Union Telegraph Company on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad were cut last night maliciously, and the working of the company impeded thereby. Much damage was done in Maryland.

ADDITIONAL RIVER DISPATCHES.

Wheeling W. Va.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WHEELING, W. VA., March 4, 1873.

River six feet and falling, and full of heavy ice. Boats all laid up. Clear and moderating. M.

Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, O., March 4.—River seventeen feet and falling. Arrived—Andy Baum, Pittsburgh; Mollie Moore, Pittsburgh; Charles Bodmann, New Orleans; Ida Hunter, Memphis; Bedford, Memphis; Mollie Ebert, New Orleans. Clear and moderating.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, KY., March 4.—River falling, with seven feet eight inches in the canal and five feet eight inches in the chute. Five inches fell on the Ohio during the last week in the last thirty-six hours. The ice is from two to four inches thick, fishy and sharp. Arrived—Ben Lee, Cincinnati; Cumberland, Cairo. Departed—Ben Lee, Quicksteps and Potomac. Down—Louisville, Mary Arnett, Hercules and barges, Diamond, and barges, Clarkson, Warner and barges and Rose and barges, Tarbell. Business active.

Cairo.

CAIRO, ILL., March 4.—Arrived—Jno. Dippold, Pittsburgh; Shannon, Cincinnati; Carrie V. Kountz, Pittsburgh; City of Helena, Memphis. Departed—Allied river; City of Helena, Memphis; Shannon, New Orleans; Kittie Dunbar, Memphis; Anderson, Cincinnati; Pauline Carroll, New Orleans. The Glencoe found the ice too heavy to get to St. Louis and returned. The ice is heavy from here to St. Louis and is unfortunately increasing. Weather clear, with the thermometer seven inches. Clear; mercury 75.

St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, March 4.—Arrived—Yaeger, New Orleans. Departed—Bee, New Orleans; Grand Tower, Memphis. River falling slowly and a good deal of ice running. Clear and warm but still cold.

Nashville.

NASHVILLE, March 4.—River stationary, with twelve feet large on Harpeth Shoals. Weather fair and cold. Arrived—Dyer, Memphis. Departed—Ella Hughes, Upper Cumberland, Cairo.

Memphis.

MEMPHIS, March 4.—Clear and cold. River fell one inch. Arrived—Henry Probasco, Cincinnati; Grenada, Vicksburg; Jno. Nogales and Northern Belle, Memphis, St. Louis; Jas. Howard and Belle Memphis, St. Louis; Geo. Wolfe, Red river; Mary Boyd and Armadillo, Arkansas river.

Chicago Live Stock Market.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Cattle—Receipts 1,767 head: market active for good grades, and prices firm at $4 55@5 50 for medium to good steers, $5 50@6 00 for fancy, with none of the latter offering. $4 50 outside for lots averaging 1,426 lbs; through Texans sold at $3 30@3 90; corn fed $4 50; shipments 2,700 head. Hogs—Receipts 1,785 head; market moderately active but prices weak; good to choice $4 70@4 85, with a few extra at $5@5 10, closing quiet; shipments 9,000 head.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, March 4.—Corn—Mixed 57½c; white 90c. Bran easier at $1 05. Hay firmer; prime choice $26; choice $25. Pork firmer at $15 50. Sugar firmer: inferior 6¾c; fair 7¾c; good to fully fair 8¾@9c; prime 9½c. Molasses—Prime fermenting 65c. Whisky dull at 90@95c. Other articles unchanged.

FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

A Devout Catholic Sues a Bishop, and is Excommunicated—He Dies From a Nervous Shock.

The Detroit *Union* tells the sad story of Mr. Patrick Bunbury, of Kalamazoo, who died recently from fright, superinduced by excommunication from the church. Mr. Bunbury, it appears, lent $10,000 to Father Lebel, to build a Catholic church in Kalamazoo. He mortgaged his farm to secure the money, and was assured he should suffer no pecuniary loss. The money was loaned in 1869, and it is claimed was done with the full approval of Bishop Lefevre, who subsequently died. His successor was also made acquainted with the facts, and ratified the arrangement. Father Lebel suddenly died afterwards, and it was then ascertained, it is alleged, that he had used some of the money for other than church purposes. The Bishop and the parish refused to return it, and Mr. Bunbury, fearing a foreclosure on his mortgage, brought suit against the parish. He was immediately excommunicated and the bar was not removed until he withdrew the suit. The nervous shock sustained in the affair brought on sickness, from which Mr. Bunbury died.

The affair has created intense excitement in Michigan, and Senator Emerson has introduced in the Legislature a bill punishing by a fine of one to five thousand dollars, or imprisonment from one to five years, any Bishop or priest who shall excommunicate or threaten to excommunicate any member, to prevent him from commencing any suit or collecting any claim.

The Aim in Advertising.

[From the Boston Journal.]

It was the remark of a very eminent Bostonian that he regarded an advertisement in a paper as a personal invitation extended to him to call, and he added, "while I sometimes hesitate about entering a store, the proprietors of which have not thus sent their card to my residence, I always feel certain of a cordial welcome from the members of an advertising firm." There is in this remark an assurance of one of the many results of advertising. The trader and his calling becomes identified, and the name of a man is inseparably connected in the mind of the public with his merchandise. It may not be the very day an advertisement appears that it bears its fruit; weeks or months may elapse, and then when the want arises the article to be obtained immediately suggests the advertiser. This is the effect of general advertising when persistently followed. A special notice, or puffing, or here some novelty is announced, is more immediate. A shrewd business man once advertised a trifling article in a manner which would scarce prove remunerative. His neighbors expressed their regret at his folly, but he appeared contented. Though his gross sales of the article did not cover the cost of his advertising, he attracted a class of customers to his store, and his shrewdness paid him in a very short time for new eyes saw what he had to offer in addition to what was advertised, and fresh purses came under contribution to him.

The object which all aim to accomplish in advertising is an increase of business. The nimble sixpence is what every one runs after, it costs very little more in the way of expense to carry on a business of two hundred thousand dollars than it requires to do half that amount. The cost of rent, personal living, and many incidental expenses, do not increase in the ratio of business, while time is saved; there is greater profit resulting from a month was 7,763; average attendance, 6,631; per cent. of attendance, 86. The amount of the pay rolls was $3,000.

The meeting then adjourned.

THE PRIZE FIGHT.

Twenty-four Rounds Fought—Break Up in a Row—Hicken has the Best of It.

The prize fight, which has been occupying the attention of the "fancy" and roughs generally for some weeks, took place yesterday at Collier's Station, West Virginia. Campbell was seconded by "Butt" Riley and "Owney" Geoghegan, while Hicken had Mike Donovan and Sadie Allen to assist. After a long parley a man named Seddons was chosen referee, and about noon the men went into the fight. Hicken was the heavier man by about ten pounds, and punished his adversary considerably. Twenty-four rounds were fought, lasting over an hour, and at that time Hicken had the decided advantage. Campbell was great excitement. Some words passed between the seconds of the two sides, when Geoghegan struck at O'Baldwin and knocked him down—some say with knuckles. Murphy, one of the dissatisfied seconds of Campbell, immediately pulled a revolver in the air, and rushing at O'Baldwin struck him with the weapon. This resulted in the general row that followed, and the referee left, and consequently there was no decision on the fight. A general scrimmage ensued, and the ring was soon cleared, out fearing danger. No one was injured, however, in the melee, and the crowd left the place. Campbell is said to have been badly used up, and Hicken but little injured. It is a pity that both fighters were not fined, and that all participants could not have been arrested.

PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

Pittsburgh Opera House.

There was a very large audience present here last night, to hear the new drama of "Davy Crockett," and, judging by the applause, a thoroughly pleased one it was. The piece is not strong enough in its first presentation, as was to have been anticipated. Mr. Mayo's *Davy Crockett* has few faults and many beauties. The character is a most charming character of the heroine, *Elenor Vaughn*, is well written, and Miss Annette La Pelot, the performance is one of the most enjoyable presented this season. She deserves a liberal recognition at the hands of the public.

Aims's American Theater.

The great act of the Leopolds at this theater is by far the most worth all it costs to see the whole show. Just think of a boy being shot, as from a catapult, twenty-five feet into the air, and catching on a trail bar! The duration of the flight of the human ball, all of which can be seen at the matinee this afternoon, and again in the evening.

Trimble's Varieties Theater.

There will be two performances at this favorite resort, this afternoon and evening. All the comedy will appear on the stage, and among the female minstrels, the variety corps and the dramatic company. The performance will please performers only, and the stage manager, Harry Williams, knows how to make the most of them.

Death from Heart Disease.

A laboner named John Purucker, employed at the Pittsburgh Bridge Works, died suddenly on Eighteenth ward, died suddenly yesterday afternoon from heart disease. About two o'clock he and a number of his companions learned that several hands would be fired from a portion of the Union Furnace Works in a short time. They then ran to the place as fast as possible, but Purucker had no notice given to him, and it was too late. He was removed to a house near by and the Coroner notified. The Coroner held an inquest over the remains, caused by heart disease, whed a verdict in accordance with this opinion was rendered. The deceased was seventy-one years of age and unmarried.

Young Married Man in Trouble.

W. H. Bussman, a young married man, more than "nineteen years old," but not yet twenty-one, is in the lock-up awaiting a hearing on a charge of adultery, preferred by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Harriet Alden, who resides on Liberty avenue. Bussman is occupant of the House of Refuge and was dismissed from the grand jury, which found the indictment some time he married Miss Apps. It is alleged that he has not been a kind husband to his wife, and that he has been associating with Mr. McKesport, where he has lately been attached to some show company. He says he will get bail and go him trouble because he and his wife left her house.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

THE Liquor men had a meeting at Phœnix Hall yesterday afternoon, which is said to have been a crowded and a a ormy one.

A gale of a Western avenue car broke down yesterday, while the car was being driven across the Suspension bridge. None of the passengers were injured.

THE body of Mrs. Nunns, whom it is alleged was poisoned by her husband, is to be disinterred on Thursday for the purpose of inquest, and probably the analyzation of the stomach.

A MAN giving his name as John Garrick, a miner, was roaming the streets at two o'clock this morning and claiming to have been shot in the face. He was at first severely, as though by a tumbler or bottle, and he said he had been attacked in a saloon in Market alley.

GEN. NEGLEY telegraphs that shortly before the Senate adjourned yesterday, the President signed the bill authorizing the leasing of the Government buildings in this city. This is good news, and it is to be hoped that work will be proceeded with without delay.

THE Beaver fails people are to meet again on Monday next, this time to consider the communication from the Harmony Society relative to the Chimney and the cutlery works. Opinions at the fails, it is said, are divided regarding the project, but it is likely that a majority of the people are dissatisfied with it.

ANNOUNCEMENT is made of the death of George W. Mellvaine, aged 72, at his Stock Sales Rooms, 166 Smithfield street:

M. and M. National Bank	$69 00
Security Trust Co.	104 00
Improvement Trust Co. ($27 05 paid in)	23 00

Rule for Contempt.

Yesterday, in the Common Pleas Court, a rule was granted on Edward Bailey to appear in Court on the 8th of March, at ten o'clock, to show cause why he should not be committed to prison for contempt, in refusing to obey the decree of Graham of Mitchell and wife vs. Edward Bailey.

The Shooting at the Rush House.

No further developments have, as yet, been made regarding the shooting affray at the Rush House yesterday morning, and no proceedings have been instituted. The wounded man, Hannah Tully of Pittsburgh ice was made in the last thirty-six hours. The ice is from two to four inches thick, fishy and sharp, and often cuts the boat. Temperature 20 degs. cold. Mercury 2 at six A. M., 21 at noon and 23 at 5 P. M. Only packets running.

Evansville.

EVANSVILLE, IND., March 4.—Clear and cold. Mercury 9 to 24. The river has fallen three feet. Up—Ada Belmain, Fayette, Bowling Green and Fox-Up—Ada Belmain, Fayette, Bowling Green and Fox-Up—Ada Belmain, Fayette, Bowling Green and Fox-